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August 26, 2008

Michael A. Cardozo Corporation Counsel The City of New York 100 Church Street New York, New York 10007

Attention: Shawn D. Fabian,

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Special Federal Litigation Division

James Brown v. Donovan, et al.

No.: 08-CV-06133 (GEL)

Dear Mr. Fabian:

Enclosed please find our Initial Disclosure pursuant to Rule 26. of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The following are the items provided as plaintiff's Initial Disclosure:

- 1. Inmate Grievant's Statement Form dated April 24, 2007.
- Letter Appeal (undated) to Ms. Breland, Deputy Warden of Security.
- 3. Hearing report and Notice of Disciplinary Disposition dated April 19-April 20, 2007, signed by James Brown and Captain A. Taylor (two-sided document).
 - Report and Notice of Infraction dated April 5, 2007. 4.
 - Pro Se Notice of Claim dated April 24, 2007.
- Disallowance based on insufficient proof from Office of the Comptroller dated May 10, 2007.

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- 7. Second Pro Se Notice of Claim dated May 19, 2007.
- 8. Acknowledgement of Tort Claim number 2007PI013676 from Office of the Comptroller dated May 9, 2007.
- 9. Letter dated June 18, 2007 from Darcy L. Hirsh, Legal Aid Society, to James Brown.
- 10. Letter dated June 7, 2007 from Darcy L. Hirsh, Legal Aid Society, to Richard White, Deputy Commissioner of Investigations, New York City Department of Corrections.
- 11. Letter of representation dated June 29, 2007 from Harding & Moore, Esqs. to Office of the Comptroller on Claim Number 2007PI1015801.
- 12. Appeal (undated) by James Brown from Decision on Infraction Number 283/2007.
- 13. Eye Glass Order Form dated May 24, 2008 for James Brown.
- 14. Copies of prescriptions for denture adhesive cream, Esoneprazole, and Naproxen.
- 15. Prison Health Services Chart for James Brown, including records of treatment for injuries alleged in Complaint.
- 16. Copy of article written by Graham Rayman in <u>Village</u> <u>Voice</u> of July 11/July 17, 2007 referring (at pages 6 and 7) to James Brown incident and statement by James Brown.
 - 17. Notice of 50-H Hearing dated September 5, 2007.
- 18. Stipulation dated October 18, 2007 regarding 50-H Hearing.

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- 19. Felony Complaint filed in Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of New York under Docket No. 2006NY079825 and dated November 20, 2006, charging James Brown with two counts of Robbery in the First Degree.
- 20. Copy of Indictment filed in Supreme Court, New York County, charging James Brown with Robbery in the First Degree.
- 21. People's Voluntary Disclosure Form filed in Supreme Court, New York County.

We will continue to provide Initial Disclosure as required. We believe that the enclosed make our Initial Disclosure substantially complete. We are still awaiting signed Authorizations from our client.

Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

James P. Harding

JPH/lr Enclosures

via Priority Mail and via ECF

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Claimant,

NOTICE OF CLAIM

JAMES BROWN

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

TO: COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the claimant herein hereby makes claim and demand against the City of New York as follows: I was severely assaulted by a Captain, my teethe were knocked out and my mandable crushed.

1. The name and post-office address of the claimant is as follows:

Mr. JAMES BROWN # 3490620801 G.R.V.C. 09-09 Hazen Street East Elmhurst, NY 11370

- 2. The nature of the claim is as follows: I was severely assaulted by a Capt.
 while I was in handcuffs, my face was smashed against a cell
 wall crushing my mandable. I had to have extensive surgery done
 too remove two teethe of mine, I also have a concussion to my
 head.
- 3. The time when, the place where, and the manner in which the claim arose:

The assault against my person took place in the main Intake area in pen # 11, the time of Incident was 0925 HRS. I was handcuffed and severely assaulted by a Captain, I had to receive extensive surgery to have my teethe removed. I was assaulted by a Captain Donovan shield "# 787, several officers witnessed this assault and did not stop it.

4.	The	items	of	damage	or	injuries	claimed	are:
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I had two teethe surgically removed, my mandable was crushed, I received upper and bottom sutures in my mouth, I have a head concussion, I have soreness to my neck, shoulders, and chest area.

The claim and demand is hereby presented for adjustment and payment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that by reason of the foregoing, in default of the City of New York to pay to the claimant his claim within the time limited for compliance with this demand by the City of New York by the applicable statutes, claimant intends to commence an action against the City of New York to recover his damages with interest and costs.

Pay claimant the sum of: TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (20.000.000)

Dated: East Elmhurst, New York

April 24,

Respectfully yours,

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JAMES BROWN

Claimant Pro-se

CONNILA OF BRONX) SS .: STATE OF NEW YORK)

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe of New York and know its contents, the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to those I am the claimant above named; I have read the foregoing Notice of claim against the City

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NOTARY PUBLIC

GRIEVANT'S STATEMENT FORM

Form 7316

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James Brown 3490620801 09-09 Hazen Street (G.R.V.C.) East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370

Ms. Breland, W.D. Of Security 09-09 Hazen Street (G.R.V.C.) East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370

Dear Ms. Breland,

I James Brown respectfully write this appeal to you and pray, with the grace of God, that you can consider viewing the validity and merits of my situation, and In conclusion grant me relief from the punitive segregation unit.

Ma'am, I am clearly a victem of Departmental corruption, and my Infraction is marely a concocted report to cover up a untimely assault against my person that lead up to my receiving extensive Injuries that required Immediate surgery and had to be noted and accounted for with the medical dept. as well as the private investigating unit.

I was assaulted by a Captain Donovan while I was handcuffed behind my back, I diligently expressed all the out right blatant fabricated inconsistencies pertinent to my Infraction to the hearing Captain Taylor and yet, I was stioll found guilty of assault on staff. Capt. Taylors fact finding reasons of guilt was based on his investigation of all relevant reports by staff regarding this incident. In each "Use Of Force Report" there are different events and accounts as to what truly transpired, Inwich gives tremendous presidence to my stead fast convictions that I was brutally and viciously assaulted while I was handcuffed; and the fabricated reports are marely standard procedure attempting to cover up a assault against my person.

- done on my case to prepare an adequite defense to vindicate myself of alleged charges against my person. I cannot do much of anything if I'm to remain in this ungodly situation based on my being assaulted and the situation being maliciously swept under the rug to avoid a lawsuit that's inevitable in my circumstances, my teethe has to be replaced. Besides, the Captain has admitted to being the cause of the injuries I sustained. Please see "USE OF FORCE REPORT".

In conclusion of my appeal to you, with all of the above said, I strongly feel the over all ramification of this situation has proven to be quite primitive and unjustly and unbecoming of the D.O.C. to say the leasty. Please inspect the reports gouverning this incident and view the tapes of my hearing, and thus you will see that I am innocent and I was marely a victem in this entire incident.

To receive or hear anything from you on this matter wil be Greatly and Immensely appreciated. Thank You for your time, consideration, and over-all patience!!

Respectfuly Yours,

James Brown

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James Brown # 3490620801 09-09 Hazen STREET EAST ELMHURST, N.Y.

I JAMES BROWN AM APPEALING DISCIPLINARY DISPOSITION DATED APRIL 20, 2007 INFRACTION # 283/07.

MY GROUNDS FOR APPEAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ALL PARTIES PERTAINING TO MY INFRACTION WROTE FABRICATED REPORTS OF CONFLICTING FALSE STATEMENTS AS TO THE EVENTS OF THE INCIDENT. PLEASE SEE OFFICER B. HOLCOMB # 15969 INITIAL INFRACTION AGAINST MY PERSON. HE STATES I PUNCHED CAPTAIN DONOVAN # 787 IN THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FACE, AND CAPTAIN DONOVAN DEFENDED HIMSELF BY THROWING PUNCHES TO THE SUBJECTS FACIAL AREA. HOWEVER, IN CAPTAINS DONOVAN USE OF FORCE REPORT HE STATES HE DEFENDED HIMSELF BY HITTING ME IN THE STOMACH AREA AND THROWING ME AGAINST THE WALL CAUSING MY FACE TO SMASH AGAINST THE WALL. HE NEVER STATED HE THREW PUNCHES TO MY FACIAL AREA AS OFFICER B. HOLCOMB STATES HE DID IN HIS REPORT. THIS GIVES SUFFICIENT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT MY ALLEGATIONS THAT MY INFRACTION WAS COMPLETELY CONCOCTED TO SAY THE LEAST. FURTHERMORE, IN OFFICER SARNO OR SURIEL SUPPORTING REPORT STATES HE HEARD A NOISE FROM THE BACK AREA AND IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED TO THE AREA, IF THIS WAS TRUE THIS ALSO GIVES SUBSTANCE AND MERIT TO THE VALIDITY OF MY ARGUEMENT THAT THE INFRACTION IS COMPLETELY FABRICATED. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR OFFICER SARNO OR SURIEL TO BE PRESENT FIRST ON THE SCENE TO ASSIST CAPTAIN DONOVAN IN USING BODY CONTROL HOLDS TO PLACE ME ON THE FLOOR TERMINATING THE INCIDENT, WHEN IN FACT OFFICER B. HOLCOMB REPORT STATES HE OBSERVED ENTIRE INCIDENT, BUT YET HE PLAYED NO ACTIVE ROLE IN ASSISSTING CAPTAIN DONOVAN WORTH-SO-EVER AND MARELY ACTED AS A SILENT OBSERVER IS TOTALLY PERPOSTUROUS; AND DEFINETELY NOT THE STANDARDS, ETHICS, OR PROTOCAL OF THE D.O.C. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE LEAST.

CAPTAIN DONOVANS ASSAULT AGAINST MY PERSON WHILE I WAS IN HANDCUFFS WAS PREMEDITATED, AND ALL OFFICERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MATTER IS NOTHING MORE THAN A "SHAM" AND A "MISCARRAIGE-# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND THE INFRACTION, HEARING; AND INVESTIGATION -# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND ABETING CAPTAIN DONOVANS CRIME OF ASSAULTING -# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND ABETING CAPTAIN DONOVANS CRIME OF ASSAULTING -# 342) ARE IN HANDCUFFS, AND THE INFRACTION, HEARING; AND INVESTIGATION -# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND ABETING CAPTAIN DONOVANS CRIME OF ASSAULTING -# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND ABETING CAPTAIN A "SHAM" AND A "MISCARRAIGE-# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND ABETING CAPTAIN A "SHAM" AND A "MISCARRAIGE-# 342) ARE MARELY AIDING AND CAPT. HAS IN HANDCUFFS, AND CONTROL.

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AND IMMENSELY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PATIENCE!!!

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RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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Ms. Breland, In all fairness, and in the interest of justice, I ask and Implore you to please intervene and incorporate something withen reason to relieve me from a undeserving disposition of 90 days punitive segregation. I'm pleading with you Ma'am to please try to empathize with my situation and clearly see that I was handcuffed, beat up, teethe knocked out, facial -disfigurement, and other physical ailments bestowed upon me due to this incident. I was abrubily thrown in the Bing for 90 days (which is the entire-summer), and to add salt to a injury and open wound; I have a rather serious open criminal case I'm fighting that I can possibly receive a life sentence for. Being in punitive segregation makes my access to the law library very for. Being in punitive segregation makes my access to the law library very limited. I'm already at pre-trial hearings and I still have much needed work

It's to my understanding that the Captain who assaulted me has a history of assaulting inmates for any mis-begots. It's clearly expected that he nor any of the staff involved will openly admit that I was unlawfully assaulted while In handcuffs, no one wants to be named as a defendant in a lawsuit action.

I'm quite sure that it's not considered protocol for each time potential resistance is met, that corporal punishment is implemented as a ending remedy. In addition to my defense of this matter, I am not mentally or psychologically ill, nor do I take any prescription or non prescription drugs that can alter my physical demeanor to react without any given cause, provacation, or warning in a violent way as a solvent to any potential would be issue. The initial situation was not grave or serious in nature like that to warrant a violent response from me as described in report.

I understand perfectly the dynamics of prison and how it's not designed to accomodate a individuals precise specifications as that of the Marriot hotel, untimely events can and will happen in prison. I do seriously ponder at what point, without the scrutiny of cameras and witnisses, do D.O.C staff level of professionalism and ethics are demonstrated and the Integrity of the uniform is upheld with prestige and honor.

Ms. Breland, with respect, I cannot rightfully state that withen the D.O.C. it's considered code of ethics for one officer not to go against another, especially to side with that of a inmate.

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Claimant,

NOTICE OF CLAIM

James Brown

-against-

The City Of Newyork,

Defendant.

To: Comptroller: Of The City Of NewYork

Please take notice that the claimant herein hereby makes claim and demand against the City Of NewYork as follows: I James Brown was brutally and viciously attacked and assaulted by a Captain while I was In handcuffs behind my back. This Incident happened on April 5, 2007 at the O.B.C.C. CORR. FAC.: 1600 Hazen Street, East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370.

1. The name and post-office address of the claimant is as follows:

Mr. James Brown # 3490620801 09-09 Hazen Street (G.R.V.C.) EAST ELMHURST, N.Y. 11370

2. The nature of the claim is as follows:

I was brutally and viciously assaulted by a Captain while I was handcuffed behind my back by a Captain, my upper Mandable was severely crushed due to the forceful Impact of my face being violentely smashed Into the wall. I had to have extensive surgewy on my upper Mandable, a few of my teethe were Irrepairably damaged and had to be surgically removed. My upper and bottom gum had to receive substantial amount of sutures as my teethe tore through the gums from the brutal way my face was smashed against the wall. I have a concussion of the head and serious migraine headaches due to my head being banged several of times on the wall by the Captain. My vision is slightly blurred as a result of this assault against my person. I also have a severe speach Impediment problem now as a result of my teethe being

surgically removed . I have a slight disfigurement of my facial structure as above my upper lip I now have a Inward Indention due to a crushed mandable and loss of teethe. I have loss of hearing in my right ear, and I have an acute Phobia of being handcuffed withen the vicinity of any Corr. Officer In the D.O.C. . The Captain who assaulted me has admitted to this assault against my person in his "Use Of Force Report", extreme excessive use of force and cruel and unusual punishment and extensive Injuries against my person is a blatant violation against my civil rights. The Captain who assaulted me name is Donovan # 787.

3. The time when, the place where, and the manner in which the claim arose:

The assault against my person took place in the Main Intake area in pen # 11, the time of Incident was 0925 HRS. I was severely assaulted by a Captain while I was in handcuffs, I had to receive extensive surgery to have my teethe removed and other serious Injuries. A few officers witnessed this assault and did not stop it.

4. The items of damage or injuries claimed are:

My teethe had to be surgically removed, I have a speach Impediment problem as a result of my injuries, I have loss of hearing In my right ear, I suffer a head concussion and migraine headaches, I have slightly blurred vision, and my upper Mandable is severely crushed. I also have a disfigurement above my upper lip as I suffer from a Inward Indention as a result of my Injuries that now makes my facial structure disfigured. I have soreness to my neck, shoulders, and chest area. PLEASE SEE MY MEDICAL RECORDS.

The claim and demand is hereby presented for adjustment and payment.

Please Take Further Notice that by reason of the foregoing, in default of the City Of NewYork to pay to the claimant his claim withen the time limited for compliance with this demand by the City Of NewYork by the applicable statutes, claimant intends to commence an action against the City Of NewYork to recover his damages with interest and cost.

Pay claimant the sum of: Twenty Million Dollars (20.000.000)

09-09 Hazen Street
East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370

Dated: April 24, 2007.

Respectfully Yours,

James Brown

CLAIMANT PRO-SE

VERIFICATION -

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF BRONX) SS.:

JAMES BROWN

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the claimant above named; I have read the foregoing Notice of claim against the City of New York and know its contents; the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Sworn to before me this

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WILLIAM C. THOMPSON, JR. COMPTROLLER

Date: 5/10/2007

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RE: Disallowance - Insuff. Proof

JAMES BROWN 3490620801 Claim number: 2007PI013676 Agency: DEPT. OF CORRECTION

JAMES BROWN 3490620801 09-09 HAZEN ST E ELMHURST, NY11370

Your claim has been disallowed. You failed to provide one of the following items: the date, location and description of the alleged accident and the manner in which the claim arose, as required by General Municipal Law Section 50-e.

If you wish to pursue your claim you must start an action within one year and ninety days from the date of occurrence.

If you have been scheduled for a Comptroller's hearing pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 50-h) you should deem the hearing canceled.

Bureau of Law & Adjustment

By: Vama Dapliste

PERSONAL INJURY (212) 669-4445

Claimant,

NOTICE OF CLAIM

James Brown

-against-

The City Of Newyork

Defendant,

To: Comptroller Of The City Of Newyork

Please take notice that the claimant herein hereby makes claim and and demand against the City Of Newyork as follows: On April 5th, 2007 at the O.B.C.C. CORR. FAC. 1600 Hazen Street, East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370. I James Brown was visciously and brutally attacked by a Captain while I was in handcuffs behind my back.

1. The name and post-office address of the claimant is as follows:

Mr. James Brown # 3490620801 09-09 Hazen Street (G.R.V.C.) East Elmhurst, Newyork. 11370

2. The nature of the claim is as follows:

On April 5, 2007 I was visciously and brutally assaulted by a Captain while I was handcuffed behind my back at the O.B.C.C. CORR. FAC. located at 1600 Hazen Street, East Elmhurst N.Y. 11370. The incident took place at the intake back area in pin # 11. My face was severely smashed against a wall immediately crushing my upper Gums, I received extensive surgery on my upper Gums. A few of my teethe were instantly broken and irrepairably damaged and had to be surgically removed. My upper and bottom Gums and lips had to receive substantial amount of sutures as my teethe tore through them from the brutal way my face was smashed against the wall. I have a concussion of the head and serious migraine headaches due to my head being banged several of times against the wall. My vision is slightly blurred as a result of this incident. I also have a severe speach impediment problem.

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3. The time when, the place where, and the manner Inwhich the claim arose:

On April 5, 2007 at the O.B.C.C. CORR. FAC. 1600 Hazen Street East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370. The assault against my person took place in the main intake in pin # 11, and the time of incident was 0925 HRS. I was severely assaulted by a Captain while I was handcuffed behind my back. A few officers witnessed this assault against my person and did not stop it.

4. The items of damage or injuries claimed are:

I received extensive surgery on my upper gums, several of my teethe had to be surgically removed, I have slight facial disfigurement, my eye sight is blurred, I have loss of hearing in my right ear, I have a head concussion and migraine headaches, I received substantial amount of sutures in my upper Gums and my upper and bottom lips received substantial amount of sutures, I have soreness to my neck, shoulders, and chest area. I have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of this incident. I have developed a phobia and seriously fear being handcuffed in the vicinity of any Law Enforcement Personnel. I also have digestive and defecation issues. Please view my medical records.

The claim and demand is hereby presented for adjustment and payment.

Please take further notice that by reason of the foregoing, in default of the City Of Newyork to pay to the claimant his claim withen the time limited for compliance with this demand by the

City Of Newyork by the applicable statutes, claimant intends to commence an action against the City Of Newyork to recover his damages with interest and cost.

Pay claimant the sum of: Twenty Million Dollars (20,000.000)

09-09 Hazen Street (G.RV.C.)
East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370

Dated: May 19, 2007

Respectfully Yours,

James Brown

Claimant Pro-Se

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STATE OF NEWYORK)
COUNTY OF BRONX)SS:

James Brown , being duly sworn and says:

I am the claimant above named, I have read the foregoing Notice Of Claim against The City Of Newyork and know its contents, the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

James Brown

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Sworn to before me this

19th day of Mary 2007

Notary Public

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS, CITY OF NEW YORK NO. 46836 CERT. PLED IN NEW YORK COUNTY



WILLIAM C. THOMPSON, JR. COMPTROLLER

015-151

Date: 5/9/2007

RE: Acknowledgment - Tort JAMES BROWN 3490620801 Claim number: 2007PI013676

JAMES BROWN 3490620801 09-09 HAZEN ST E ELMHURST, NY 11370

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your claim. Please refer to the above claim number on any correspondence or inquiry you may have with this office.

Your claim is currently under investigation. Please be aware of the fact that we receive thousands of claims each year. Once we have completed our investigation, we may be in a position to make a settlement offer. It is also possible, however, that we will not. If we are unable for any reason to settle or resolve your claim and you wish to pursue your claim, you may bring a lawsuit against the City, if it is started within one year ninety days from the date of the occurrence.

Please note that property damage claims can take several months to investigate because, as part of our investigation, we must obtain necessary reports. We would appreciate it if you take this into account before calling us regarding the status of your claim. If, however, you have any other questions regarding your claim, please feel free to contact us.

Michael Aaronson Bureau Chief Bureau of Law and Adjustment



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Steven Banks
Attorney-in-Chief

John Boston
Project Director
Prisoners' Rights Project

June 18, 2007

James Brown 349-06-20801 GRVC 09-09 Hazen Street East Elmhurst, NY 11370

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed is a letter written on your behalf to Mr. Richard White Deputy Commissioner of Investigations and Ms. Florence Hutner, General Counsel of the Department of Corrections. We will advise you of any response we receive.

In the meantime, please let us know if you receive any response or there is any further investigation into this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

DARGY L. HIRSH

Legal Assistant

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June 7, 2007

BY FAX

Mr. Richard White Deputy Commissioner, Investigations Department of Correction 60 Hudson Street New York, NY, 10013

> Re: James Brown 349-06-20801 GRVC

Dear Deputy Commissioner White:

I am writing to request an investigation into an incident in which Mr. Brown alleges that he was subject to excessive and unnecessary force orchestrated and implemented by Captain Donovan on April 5, 2007 at OBCC at or around 9:25 a.m. Mr. Brown sustained serious injuries to his teeth, face, and head. Jonathan Chasan and I met with Mr. Brown at GRVC on June 5, 2007.

Mr. Brown has alleged to us that on April 5th he was on the way to the law library when an alarm sounded elsewhere in the jail and he was stopped, handcuffed, taken to intake and put in a pen. Two officers, Officer Samo and Officer Suriel, were in the pen and stood on either side of him. Captain Campbell told the officers to take his handcuffs off, but Captain Donovan intervened and told them not to. Captain Donovan, who was in the doorway of the cell, then told Brown to face the wall and put his knees on the bench.

Mr. Brown told us that he did not understand Captain Donovan's order. Donovan then ordered the inmates in the cell across to be moved away. Mr. Brown turned to see why the inmates were being moved and Donovan hit him in the back of the head with his forearm, resulting in Mr. Brown smashing his face into the wall, causing extensive injury to his teeth and mouth. Captain Donovan then punched him repeatedly.

Mr. Brown was brought to the clinic and then to the dentist where tooth fragments were extracted and he had gum surgery. He also received stitches in his lower and upper lips and has since been given prosthetic teeth for the space where he is now missing his front

teeth. Mr. Brown also complained to us of loss of hearing in his right ear following the assault by Captain Donovan, as well as reduced vision and headaches. Mr. Brown was infracted for this incident and given 90 days in punitive segregation.

Mr. Brown informed us that he was rear-cuffed the entire time that he was in the intake pen and denies striking Captain Donovan. This is the second incident about which we have written to you concerning this captain in the past month. On May 17th, we wrote on behalf of Rayvon Baker 141-07-07022, who alleged that he was assaulted by Captain Donovan and other OBCC staff on April 30, 2007.

Please advise me of the outcome of your investigation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

DARCY L. HIRSH Legal Assistant

cc: Florence Hutner, DOC

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June 29, 2007

The City of New York
Office of the Comptroller
1 Centre Street
New York, New York 10007

Att: Bureau of Law & Adjustment-Room 1220

Re: Claim No.: 2207PI1015801 Claimant: James Brown Date of incident: 4/05/07

Place of incident: GRVC Rikers Island

Dear Sir:

This law firm has been retained to represent Mr. James Brown, the above-referenced claimant.

Mr. Brown originally filed his Notice of Claim <u>pro</u> se. He mailed his Notice of Claim on May 19, 2007.

It was assigned the above-referenced number.

Please be sure to note the change of representation and forward all correspondence to the undersigned at our Kew Gardens office including notices of any hearing dates.

Our client is still in the custody of the New York City Department of Correction because he has two pending cases in Supreme Court, New York County.

We acknowledge your right to a statutory hearing.

Please contact us if you need any further information.

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09-09 Hazen Street (G.R.V.C.)
East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370

July 26, 2007

On 7-25-07 I was found guilty of weapons possession.

I disagree with the adjudication Captain Jenkins disciplinary disposition of 50 days punitive segregation as I maintain my plea of "Not Guilty ".

I appeal this disposition on the following grounds:

- #1) The alleged weapons recovered are not mine.
- #2) I was not present at the search to observe my cell being searched.
- $\sharp 3)$ I was just released from punitive segregation on 7-20-07 and was not in 10-A-30 cell no more than 48 hours.
- #4) On 7-23-07 at approx. time 12:30 a.m. my cell was searched by ERU and no contraband was found. Upon waking up later on that morning another search was conducted out of my presence, and now three alleged weapons were found in my cell ventilator.
- #5) I was removed from search on alleged reasons that I was being disruptive and in non-compliance with search procedures. This is a blatant and out right fabricated report against my person. On 7-23-07 in the vicinity of 10-A-30 cell the cameras clearly shows me wearing a gray D.O.C. jump suit thats required for me to wear as part of the procedures of a search when you have a I.C.R. green I.D. card. The fact that I had on a gray jump suit gives substance and merit to my claims and sufficient enough evidance to support my allegations that I was in full compliance with the search being conducted.
- #6) My removal from the search is a blatant and obvious criminal attempt to frame me of weapons posession in retaliation of a current and pending law suit I have against The Department Of Corrections. My pending law suit was the topic of a article in The Village Voice Newspaper the week of July 11-17 of 2007.
- #7) I did not receive a copy of my infraction, I do not know the tape number to the hearing; but the hearing was held on July 25, 2007.

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09-09 HAZEN STREET East Elmhorst, N.Y. 11370

August 1, 2007

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PEASE Advise me what Else Can be done.

VERY IRULY YOURS,

James Laour

I served a unjustly 90 days in punitive segregation from April 24th, 2007 to July 20th, 2007 as cover up for a cruel and brutal assault against my person from a Captain. Upon my release from punitive segregation on July 20th, 2007 ... My pending lawsuit claim against the city was publicized in the Village Voice Newspaper and the entire corr. staff was aware of my incident and has since than been harrasing me and threaten to do me physical harm as in retaliation of my claim. I was framed with weapon charges during a search that I was not even present for as a ploy to impeach and discredit me to counter attack my lawsuit claim against the city and the department of corrections.

I was released from punitive segregation on July 20, 2007 at approx. time 9:30 p.m. - on July 23,2007 approx. time 12:15 a.m. a search was conducted of my cell by E.R.U. officers and no weapons was recovered. At approx. time 0815 HRS. on July 23, 2007 my cell was once again searched and now suddenly they claim weapons were found in my cell ventilator during a search I was not even present for.

I respectfully request that my punitive segregation disposition of 50 days be exonerated and exponged from my institutional record as I have never ever had weapons on my record. This is a obvous criminal attempt to frame me in retaliation of my lawsuit claim against the city. My claim is publicized in the Village Voice Newspaper the week of July 11-17 of 2007.

ery Truly Yours,

Jamés Brown

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PRISON HEALTH SERVICES Contracted by NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

CERTIFICATION

I, Cyril Joseph, Assistant Director of Medical Records of Prison Health Services, contracted by NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, hereby certify that the record of the attached is in the custody of, and is an accurate and complete record of the condition, act, transaction, occurrence or event of this program concerning:

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(Name of Patient)	(Book and Case Number)

I further certify that this record was made in the regular course of business of this program and it is the regular course of business of this program to make such records. The record was made at the time of the condition, act, transaction, occurrence or event recorded or within a reasonable time thereafter.

The record contained herein is a certified reproduction of the record on file (in accordance with CPLR Section 2306)

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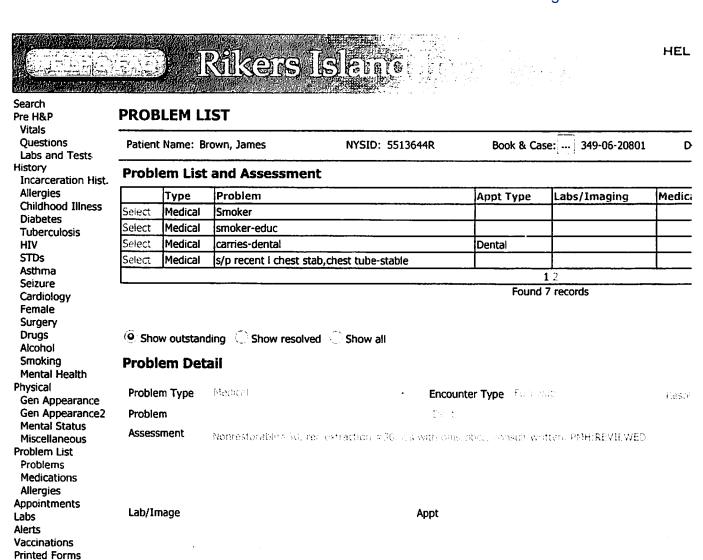
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Assistant Director of Medical Records

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

I, PETRINA MARINER, Director of Medical Records of Prison Health Services, contracted by NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, certify that, CYRIL JOSEPH, Assistant Director of Medical Records, of Prison Health Services, contracted by NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, whose signature appears above is a responsible employee of this program. I hereby authorize him to certify records of this program as accurate and complete records of this program, such records having been made in the regular course of business of this program at the time of the condition, act, transaction, occurrence, or event recorded or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Petrina Mariner.
Director of Medical Records.

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